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SUBJECT: INQUIRY ON ETHYL ALCOHOL MARKET BY U.S. FIRM

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1. NONE OF THE SOURCES OF POLISH STATISTICAL DATA AVAILABLE TO US CONTAINS INFORMATION RELATING TO PRODUCTION OF OR TRADE IN ETHYL ALCOHOL.

2. INFORMAL INQUIRIES TO CIECH, THE FTO RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OF CHEMICALS, PRODUCED ONLY THE SUGGESTION THAT WE CHECK THE FOREIGN TRADE STATISTICAL YEARBOOK (ROCZNIK STATYSTYCZNY HANDLU ZAGRANICZNEGO). WHEN ADVISED THAT THIS PUBLICATION CONTAINED NO INFORMATION ON THE SUBJECT, AND ASKED WHETHER WE SHOULD CONCLUDE THAT NO TRADE WAS TAKING PLACE OR THAT THE INFORMATION WAS UNAVAILABLE, THE CIECH OFFICIAL DECLINED COMMENT.

3. UNION CARBIDE IS WELL KNOWN IN POLAND, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FIRM HAVE BEEN IN PERSONAL CONTACT WITH POLISH CHEMICAL INDUSTRY OFFICIALS AS RECENTLY AS THE PAST WEEK. EMBASSY SUGGESTS DIRECT APPROACH BY UNION CARBIDE EITHER TO THE MINISTRY OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY OR TO CIECH, IF ACCOMPANIED BY SATISFACTORY EXPLANATION, IS MORE LIKELY TO BEAR FRUIT THAN FURTHER INQUIRIES ON OUR PART.

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